

Identity

[Leap / Jane Breskin Zalben.](#)

Zalben, Jane Breskin.

261 p. ; 21 cm.

j Zalben

In the midst of the usual teenaged angst over romantic relationships and figuring out their place in the world, childhood friends Kristin and Daniel reconnect when, in the sixth grade, Daniel is temporarily paralyzed.

[Fairest / Gail Carson Levine.](#)

Levine, Gail Carson.

326 p. ; 22 cm.

j Levine

In a land where beauty and singing are valued above all else, Aza eventually comes to reconcile her unconventional appearance and her magical voice, and learns to accept herself for who she truly is.

[The Jade Dragon / Carolyn Marsden And Virginia Shin-Mui Loh.](#)

Marsden, Carolyn.

169 p. ; 19 m.

j Marsden

A Chinese American girl torn between her family's traditional values and the more modern ones in her second grade classroom learns that friendship cannot be bought.

[Alice Alone / Phyllis Reynolds Naylor](#)

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds

229 p. ; 19 cm.

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Alice's first year in high school gets off to a difficult start when she and her boyfriend Patrick break up, but with the help of her father, older brother, and best friends, she gains a better sense of her own self-worth.

[The Blue Ribbon Day / by Katie Couric ; Illustrated By Marjorie Priceman.](#)

Couric, Katie, 1957-

1 v. (unpaged) : col. ill. ; 27 cm.

jp Couric

When Carrie is disappointed not to make the school soccer team, she turns her attention to creating a science fair project.

[The Boy Who Looked Like Lincoln / by Mike Reiss ; Illustrated By David Catrow](#)

Reiss, Mike

1 v. (unpaged) : col. ill. ; 21 cm.

jp Reiss

Eight-year-old Benjy, who resembles Abraham Lincoln, is tired of being teased and always being Lincoln in the school play, but a special camp helps him to appreciate his appearance

**Daisy And The Doll / by Michael Medearis And Angela Shelf
Medearis ; Paintings By Larry Johnson**

Medearis, Michael
[32] p. : col. ill. ; 21 x 27 cm

jp Medearis

Daisy, an eight-year-old black girl living in rural Vermont in the 1890s, is given a black doll by her teacher and becomes uncomfortable that her skin is a different color from that of her classmates, until she finds the courage to speak from her heart.

**Finklehopper Frog Cheers / Irene Livingston ; Illustrations By
Brian Lies.**

Livingston, Irene, 1932-
1 v. (unpaged) : col. ill. ; 23 x 27 cm.

jp Livingston

When Finklehopper Frog and Ruby Rabbit go to a picnic, their friendship helps them weather some challenges and disappointments.

I Am The Messenger / Markus Zusak.

Zusak, Markus.
357 p. ; 22 cm.

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After capturing a bank robber, nineteen-year-old cab driver Ed Kennedy begins receiving mysterious messages that direct him to addresses where people need help, and he begins getting over his lifelong feeling of worthlessness.